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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98. Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following document:

A copy of a European Office Action mailed in related European Patent Application No. EP 03 028 106.7 on January 20, 2005 is enclosed, in which the following documents were cited:

"ITU-T Recommendation V.8 bis ("Procedures for the Identification and Selection of Common Modes of Operation Between Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (DCEs) and Between Data Terminal Equipments (DTEs) Over the General Switched Telephone Network and On Leased Point-to-Point Telephone-Type Circuits"), which was published by the International Telecommunication Union in August, 1996;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,493,609 to DAVIS et al., which issued on February 20, 1996; and

An article by K. KRECHMER at pages 63, 64 and 66 of Data Communications, McGraw Hill, NY, Vol. 23, No. 2 (January 21, 1994), entitled "V.34 Modems: Off to a Fast Start?."

Applicant notes that all of the above-noted documents were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement, and thus, copies are not being provided herewith. However, Applicant has enclosed a copy of the European Office Action to complete the record.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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